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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed April 19, 2002, a response to which is due July 19, 2002, reconsideration is respectfully requested.

REMARKS

Applicant is not amending the application as the claims are believed to be patentably distinct as currently standing. Claims 19-20, and 21-26 are currently pending. In view of the remarks below, reconsideration and withdrawal is respectfully requested.

*Considered
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